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1. IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERATION OF DES CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES DURING MEETING REPORTED REFTEL (A), INTERNATIONAL MEAT TRADE PROBLEMS PER REFTEL (B) WERE DISCUSSED BY MESSRS. MALMGREN, YEUTTER, AND BOERNER WITH GOC SIDE HEADED BY DEPMINAGR S.W. WILLIAMS.

2. ASSTSECRETARY YEUTTER REVIEWED WORLD MEAT DEVELOPMENTS EMPHASIZING INCREASING MEAT SUPPLIES SOME COUNTRIES COULD WORSEN DURING 1975 LEADING SOME COUNTRIES TO RESTRICT BEEF IMPORTS AND/OR SUBSIDIZE EXPORTS. WITH CANADUZAND UNITED STATES TRADITIONALLY OPEN MARKETS, USG SEEKING GOC VIEWS ON PREVENTING SPREAD OF RESTRICTIVE MEASURES IN WORLD MEAT TRADE CONSISTENT WITH AMEMBASSY LETTER TO GOC (REFTEL B). YEUTTER

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MENTIONED THE FAVORABLE CONSULTATIONS RECENTLY HELD

WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AND THE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPAN AND EC. USG FEELS SITUATION IS WORLD PROBLEM AND SEES NEED FOR MULTILATERAL COOPERATIVE EFFORT SOON IN PROPER FORUM. AMBASSADOR MALMGREN DISCUSSED NEED FOR CONSULTATIONS AND M.P. BOERNER/STATE RAISED QUESTION OF TIMING OF MEETING AND DISCUSSED ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF SEVERAL WORLD FORUMS (E.G., OECD, FAO).

3. DEPMINAG WILLIAMS SAID GOC SEES WORLD MEAT DEVELOPMENTS ESSENTIALLY SAME WAY WITH PRICES HOLDING STRONG IN NEAR FUTURE BUT PRICE DROP DURING 1975 POSSIBLY NOT AS SERIOUS AS IN USG OUTLOOK. GOC SEES BEST SOLUTION TO WORLD PROBLEM WOULD BE IMPROVING CONSUMPTION. YEUTTER AGREED EMPHASIZING USG HOPE THAT FORUM WOULD FOCUS ON COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE RATHER THAN RESTRICTIONS. WILLIAMS STRESSED GOC DESIRE FOR STABILITY TO AVOID DRASTIC ADJUSTMENTS. WILLIAMS CONCLUDED THAT GOC WOULD TAKE MATTER OF DORUM UNDER CONSIDERATION AND ADDED THAT FORUM CHOSEN SHOULD DEPEND UPON SOLUTION HOPED FOR.

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